

## ROLL CALL

### NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

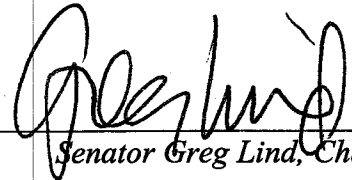
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources and Energy** recommend that **Senate Joint Resolution 20** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Senator Greg Lind, Chair

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**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 9, No 0**

Fiscal Note Required \_\_\_\_\_

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## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

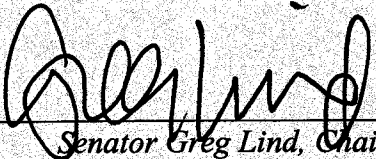
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources and Energy** recommend that **Senate Bill 223** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Senator Greg Lind, Chair

**And, that such amendments read:**

1. Title, line 4.

**Following:** "PROVIDING THAT"

**Insert:** "IF AN APPROPRIATOR HAS A POSSESSORY INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY WHERE A COAL BED METHANE INFRASTRUCTURE IS LOCATED AND THE WATER TO BE APPROPRIATED WILL BE BENEFICIALLY USED ON THE APPROPRIATOR'S REAL PROPERTY, LEASED PROPERTY, OR PERMITTED PROPERTY,"

2. Title, line 6.

**Following:** "METHANE"

**Strike:** "WELLS"

**Insert:** "PRODUCTION; PROVIDING A DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A NOTICE OF COMPLETION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION; PROVIDING THAT AFTER COAL BED METHANE PRODUCTION HAS CEASED, A PERSON WHO WANTS TO CONTINUE TO USE THE WATER IS REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE AN APPROPRIATION RIGHT"

3. Page 3, line 7 through line 8.

**Strike:** subsection (8) in its entirety

**Insert:** "(8) (a) If an appropriator has a possessory interest in real property where a coal bed methane infrastructure is located and the water to be appropriated will be beneficially used on the appropriator's real property, leased property, or permitted property, a permit is not required before appropriating water when it is produced in association with coal bed methane production.

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 5, No 4**

Fiscal Note Required \_\_\_\_\_



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(b) Within 60 days of completion of the delivery facilities and appropriation of the developed water for beneficial use, the appropriator shall file a notice of completion with the department on a form provided by the department through its offices. The department shall accept a notice of completion and may not require additional information if the notice of completion contains:

(i) the point of distribution from the coal bed methane producer's infrastructure;

(ii) the place of use, which must be in Montana;

(iii) the maximum volume, not to exceed 750 acre-feet a year; and

(iv) the period of use.

(c) Within 60 days after the cessation of coal bed methane production, the coal bed methane production company or the landowner shall inform the department that production has ceased. If the landowner wishes to continue the use of the water, the landowner shall file for an appropriation right."

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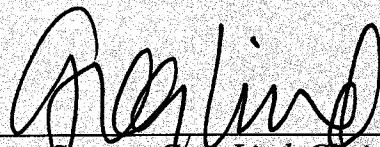
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources and Energy** recommend that **Senate Bill 473** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Senator Greg Lind, Chair

**And, that such amendments read:**

1. Page 4, line 5.

**Following:** "(1) (b) "

**Insert:** "on the first 50 million gallons sold in Montana"

2. Page 8, line 10.

**Strike:** "3"

**Insert:** "6"

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**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 7, No 2**

Fiscal Note Required \_\_\_\_\_



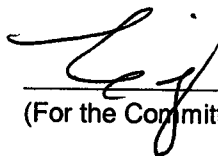
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**TABLED BILL**

The **SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE** TABLED **SB 513**, by motion, on  
**Friday, February 23, 2007.**

  
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(For the Committee)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary of the Senate)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time) (Date)

February 23, 2007

Cj Johnson, Secretary

Phone: 44-4762

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**COMMITTEE FILE COPY**

**TABLED BILL**

The **SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE** TABLED **SB 311**, by motion, on  
**Friday, February 23, 2007.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(For the Committee)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary of the Senate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time)

  
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(Date)

February 23, 2007

Cj Johnson, Secretary

Phone: 44-4762


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## COMMITTEE FILE COPY

### TABLED BILL

The **SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE** TABLED **SB 313**, by motion, on  
Friday, February 23, 2007.

  
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(For the Committee)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary of the Senate)

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(Time) 12-24 (Date)

February 23, 2007

Cj Johnson, Secretary

Phone: 44-4762

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## ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION: Do Pass AS AMENDED

PASSED

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## ROLL CALL VOTE

PASSED

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## SENATE PROXY FORM

According to Senate Rule 30-70 ( 13) ( f ) , a committee member may vote by proxy using a standard form.

## PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator Lind/ Wanzowid/ Tropella

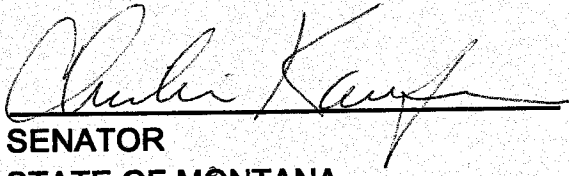
to vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate Natural Resources

and energy Committee

held on Feb 23, 2007.

SB 223 - No

SB 513 - No

  
SENATOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

Seat # 17

## SENATE PROXY FORM

According to Senate Rule 30-70 ( 13) ( f ) , a committee member may vote by proxy using a standard form.

### PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator KAUFMANN

to vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate ~~LEGISLATIVE~~ JUDICIARY

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee

held on 23 FEBRUARY, 2007.

QUANTENRIED  
SENATOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

# SENATE PROXY FORM

According to Senate Rule 30-70 ( 13) ( f ) , a committee member may vote by proxy using a standard form.

## PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator Wanzenried

to vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate \_\_\_\_\_

SB 513 \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

held on Feb 23 , 2007.

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SENATOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

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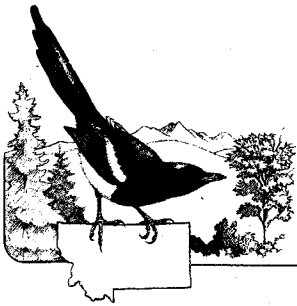
## NATURAL RESOURCES

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**PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY**



# Montana Audubon

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Testimony on SJ 20  
Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee  
February 23, 2007

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I'm here today representing Montana Audubon in support of Senate Joint Resolution 20.

Because it has been scientifically recognized that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions contribute to global warming, Montana Audubon encourages legislation to limit as much of the state's current emissions as possible. The effects of global warming are devastating to wildlife globally as well as here in Montana. The ice habitat of polar bears, once the size of the continental United States, is melting at a rate of over 23,000 square miles per year. Because they have to swim farther and farther to find food, bears are drowning and their cubs are starving. Locally, Montana wetlands are drying up, particularly in the Northeast region of the state, leading to a significant decline of waterfowl species such as the blue-winged teal and northern pintail.

Thank You

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Bitterroot  
Bitterroot Valley

Five Valleys  
Missoula

Flathead  
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Last Chance  
Helena

Mission Mountain  
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Upper Missouri Breaks  
Great Falls

Yellowstone Valley  
Billings